

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Melissa G. Ballard

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill requires prior parental notice of school assemblies.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- requires local education agencies to provide:
 - prior notice of certain school assemblies to parents and guardians; and
 - resources related to certain school assemblies for home use by parents and guardians.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53G-4-414, Utah Code Annotated 1953

53G-5-415, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53G-4-414** is enacted to read:



53G-4-414. Notice of assemblies.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Assembly" means a meeting or gathering of all or part of the student body of a school for the purpose of special programming or substantive information dissemination.

(b) "Assembly" does not include a gathering that does not contain a component of substantive information dissemination and is intended:

(i) to support a school sports team; or

(ii) only for entertainment or amusement.

(c) "Prevention topic" means:

(i) a topic or issue that is the focus of a prevention program;

(ii) bullying, cyber-bullying, or hazing;

(iii) physical or sexual abuse; or

(iv) mental health.

(d) "Prevention program" means:

(i) a program to address substance abuse under Section [53E-3-522](#);

(ii) gang prevention and intervention programs described in Section [53F-2-410](#);

(iii) youth suicide prevention programs described in Section [53G-9-702](#);

(iv) dropout prevention programs described in Section [53G-9-802](#); or

(v) positive behaviors plans described in Section [53G-10-407](#).

(2) At least three calendar days before the day on which an assembly relating to a prevention topic takes place, an LEA shall ensure that the LEA or the relevant school:

(a) prepare resources related to the prevention topic for parents and legal guardians to access for use outside the school; and

(b) gives notice to parents and legal guardians of students attending the school, through the LEA's or school's regular form of parental communication, regarding:

(i) the date and time of the assembly;

(ii) the relevant prevention topic, subject matter, and purpose of the assembly; and

(iii) the availability and method of accessing the resources described in Subsection

(2)(a).

Section 2. Section **53G-5-415** is enacted to read:

53G-5-415. Notice of assemblies.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Assembly" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53G-4-414](#).

(b) "Prevention topic" means the same as that term is defined in Section [53G-4-414](#).

(2) At least three calendar days before the day on which an assembly relating to a prevention topic takes place, a charter school shall:

(a) prepare resources related to the prevention topic for parents and legal guardians to access for use outside the school; and

(b) give notice to parents and legal guardians of students attending the school, through the school's regular form of parental communication, regarding:

(i) the date and time of the assembly;

(ii) the relevant prevention topic, subject matter, and purpose of the assembly; and

(iii) the availability and method of accessing the resources described in Subsection

(2)(a).

Section 3. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2023.